

# **Community Empowerment Initiative House File 2769**

Last Action:  
**House Appropriations  
Committee**  
March 22, 2006

**Executive Summary Only**

**An Act relating to the community empowerment initiative and making an appropriation.**

**Fiscal Services Division  
Legislative Services Agency**

## **NOTES ON BILLS AND AMENDMENTS (NOBA)**

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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY  
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**COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT  
INITIATIVE  
IOWA EMPOWERMENT BOARD**

**FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES**

**ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS**

**GIFTS AND GRANTS ACCOUNT AND  
APPROPRIATION**

- Updates language to reflect current practice and terminology.
- Increases the membership of the Iowa Empowerment Board from 18 to 22 voting members, with 16 citizen members and six State agency members. Iowa Workforce Development is added as a State agency member.
- Specifies that family support services may include but are not limited to home visitation and that approximately 60.0% of family support and parent education funding must be targeted to families with newborn and infant children.
- Eliminates the limit of \$60,000 on School Ready Children Grant funds that may be used by a local board for administrative costs and other expenses, leaving the limit at 3.0%. It is estimated that only one local board, Polk County, will be affected by this change and will be able to spend an additional \$24,000 of its School Ready Children Grant allocation for administrative costs and other expenses.
- Creates a Gifts and Grants Account in the Iowa Empowerment Fund and appropriates moneys credited to the Account to the Department of Management for purposes of Community Empowerment.